

UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER



The United States Diplomacy Center is dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy through interactive exhibits and thought-provoking education programs.

The Vision: Why a United States Diplomacy Center?

Today, as throughout our history, diplomacy plays a critical role in securing the peace, security, and prosperity that American citizens enjoy. Through vivid multi-media exhibits, hands-on activities, unique artifacts, and thought-provoking educational programs, the Center will engage visitors through stories of American diplomacy and explain why diplomacy matters.

The Goals:

- Promote a better understanding of the challenges and achievements of American diplomacy;
- Recognize the contributions of American diplomats;
- Stimulate interest in our country's foreign relations; and
- Inspire the next generation to pursue diplomacy-related careers.

The Audience:

- Students and educators who will access the Center's education programs and "diplomacy in the classroom" curricula;
- U.S. and international visitors to Washington, D.C.; and,
- Visitors to the Center's online presence, including the Discover Diplomacy educational website (diplomacy.state.gov/discoverdiplomacy).

The Pavilion

Visitors to the United States Diplomacy Center will begin their journey inside a two-level glass pavilion designed by the architectural firm Beyer Blinder Belle to complement the original 1939 wing of the Harry S Truman Building, the headquarters of the U.S. Department of State. The transparent glass design invites visitors into the Center for a "behind the scenes" experience about diplomacy.

The Exhibits

Hall I: *Discover Diplomacy* will engage visitors in exploring U.S. relationships with nations around the world. Interactive maps and displays will illustrate how an embassy functions and provide real examples of how diplomatic activities advance U.S. interests.

Hall II: *Diplomacy in Action* will guide visitors through our nation's diplomatic history, illustrating how it has shaped our lives today. From our first treaty on friendship and commerce in the 18th century to 21st century multilateral diplomatic negotiations, visitors will understand how our international relationships support U.S. interests worldwide. A rotating exhibit gallery will host exciting displays.

Hall III: *Advancing Diplomacy* will draw visitors into educational activities in The Power of Peace theater, the Global Classroom for diplomacy simulations, and study spaces for in-depth exploration of current global issues. Fascinating artifacts will illustrate the story of diplomacy in action.

Hall IV: *Foundations of Diplomacy* is located on the lower level of the Pavilion. As visitors descend into Hall IV, they will experience the Signature Segment of the Berlin Wall, enter the Founding Ambassadors' Concourse – an open space flexibly equipped for briefings, lectures, cultural programs, and special events – and will visit a café and gift shop.

The United States Diplomacy Center is funded through a public-private partnership. The Diplomacy Center Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, works with the U.S. Department of State to support the creation of the museum and education center.

Halls I and IV are anticipated to open in 2019.



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